

PRESIDENT CALLS HIS LEADERS FOR DINNER MEETING

STRAIGHTEN OUT THINGS

Republican Leaders and Cabinet Officials Will Talk Over the Tariff and Soldier Bonus and the Whole Policy of the Administration; Dinner Table Conference.

Washington, Jan. 7.—President Harding today invited several public leaders and others prominent in administration affairs to a dinner to-night at the White House at which it is understood legislation and administrative affairs will be discussed. Those invited included five members of the senate, and seven in the house. Secretary Weeks, Attorney General Daugherty and John T. Adams, chairman of the Republican national committee.

The members of the senate are said to include Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Watson of Indiana. The House members included Speaker Gillette, majority leader Mondell, and Chairman Fordney of the Ways and Means committee.

Although no formal announcement was made at the White House concerning the dinner conference it was learned that the arrangements developed from the conference held with Senators invited earlier this week by President Harding.

The tariff and soldier bonus are to be topics for consideration. It was said along with the whole policy of the administration with respect to national affairs.

CHINA BREAKS OFF ENGLISH COMMERCE

Because of a Business Incident the Chinese Government Ends Relations with England

Peking, Jan. 7.—Relations between the Chinese government and the British legation here interrupted because of the Amoy incident have not been resumed and it is hinted in official circles that the recall of the British minister may be requested. British official circles here are unperturbed but a boycott is feared by the commercial community if affairs are not straightened out.

The Amoy incident referred to in the above dispatch was probably that of early last month in which a boycott was declared by the Chinese against the British firm of Butterfield and Swire.

AMERICAN PUBLIC SPEAKS ITS MIND

Over Thirteen Million Opinions of Arms Conference Have Been Submitted.

Washington, Jan. 7.—American advisory committee has received to date it is estimated a total of 13,790,762 opinions from the American public on subjects relating to the arms conference and more than 90 per cent of the resolutions endorsed the policy of the American delegation at the conference, it was said today in a committee statement. More than 400,000 dealt with the submarine question. Among the opinions were 395,104 urging the flat abolition of the submarine. These figures represent about 3 per cent of all the opinions of the conference subjects. Some 366,795 expressions for the abolition of gas warfare had come in thus far.

SMOKERS BEWARE OF CELLULOID.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—A bearded passenger on a Berlin street car was burned yesterday when a man nearby accidentally touched his celluloid collar with a lighted cigar. His beard, eye brows and hair were burned off and his clothing was set afire.

WANTS IRELAND A SOVEREIGN STATE

A Speaker Before the Dail Asks for Vote of Thanks for America's Support.

Dublin, Jan. 7.—At the beginning of today's session of the Dail Speaker John McNeill read a motion prepared by himself calling upon the Dail to affirm that Ireland is a sovereign state deriving its authority from the will of the people. The motion would provide that all Ireland's international relations would be governed by this status.

Dublin, Jan. 7.—Speaker MacNeill read his motion which it is expected will be put through if the treaty is ratified in accordance with the independence.

Harry Boland asked for a vote of thanks for America's support. Nobody knew better than he that many Americans were willing to fight for Ireland.

Dublin, Jan. 7.—The Dail Eireann appeared to be within a few hours of a vote on the Anglo-Irish treaty when it concluded its morning session. Debate was to proceed during the afternoon before a vote could be reached.

The session was expected to bring forth an important speech by Chas. Burgess minister of defense while Arthur Griffith was to close the debate with approval of the pact.

Speeches by Harry Boland and Joseph McGraw of Dublin were features of the morning session especially that of McGraw who disclosed Boland's last trip to United States was made at the initiative of Eamon De Valera to acquaint interested persons there that it would be necessary to negotiate peace or accept something short of a republic.

When the morning session adjourned to reassemble at 4 p. m. it was agreed six speakers would be heard.

WEATHER.

For North Carolina probably rain tonight and Sunday. No change in temperature. Fresh northeast winds.

A. C. L. PLANT RESUMES WORK

Gainesville, Fla., Jan. 7.—The huge creosoting plant here of the A. C. L. which has been shut down for more than four years will resume operations with a full force in the near future according to information received in local business circles today.

The plant creosotes timbers of the entire system.

GENERAL NEWS

Ten thousand men are enfilade and walking the streets in Chicago during the day and 1,000 sleep in the open at night.

Marquis Okuma, former premier of Japan and termed as Japan's "Grand Old Man," is dead according to reports received from Tokyo.

Five boys were pulled out of the Hudson river Thursday after they had been drifting for three hours on a cake of ice. A steamer smashed into the ice floe and dumped the boys in the river; however they were rescued.

The Red Cross has established The Red Cross Courier, a weekly paper, to be published in Washington. This paper will take the place of Red Cross publications in various parts of the country.

HARDING BATTLES FOR SOLIDARITY FOR REPUBLICANS

PERSUASIVE METHODS

There Are Those Who Are Extremely Anxious for the President by Firm Means or Otherwise to Get the Republicans on Substantial Ground Before the Coming Fall.

(By David Lawrence.)
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Washington, Jan. 6.—President Harding has begun a drive for Republican solidarity in Congress, particularly the Senate in the hope of presenting to the American people next fall a record of achievement that will continue the party in legislative control of the government.

Two conferences—one with the leaders of the agricultural "bloc" of "radicals" and another with the conservative Republicans—have developed the fact that Mr. Harding has set to work in earnest to effect a compromise, and that he will reluctantly but surely assume the leadership of

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IOWA MAN HEADS LEGION COMMITTEE.

Indianapolis, Jan. 7.—Dan F. Steck of Ottumwa, Iowa, has been appointed chairman of American Legion national legislative committee it was announced by Hanford MacNider national commander.

TAKING CARE OF TRAFFIC

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 7.—Approximately \$10,000,000 will be spent by the Union Pacific on new equipment to take care of the "inevitable resumption of traffic," it was said today.

MARKETS

COTTON.

New York, Jan. 7.—The announcement that a committee of creditors had taken over the affairs of the New York Importing and exporting Dry Goods Company caused the cotton market to show a steadier tone today. There was still some nervousness and the market showed sensitivity to the small orders. The active months sold about 12 to 16 points above last night's closing.

New York, Jan. 7.—Cotton futures opened steady, Jan. 18.40, March 18.20, May 17.75, July 17.23, Oct. 16.45.

N. Y. COTTON OPENED

Jan. 18.38, Mar. 18.20, May 17.75, July 17.24, Oct. 16.46.

N. Y. COTTON CLOSED

Jan. 18.43, Mar. 18.29, May 17.83, July 17.29, Oct. 16.53.
Spots, Wilson market 16 3-4c.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Sterling 419 1-2, Francs 802, Lire 432, Marks 54 1-2.
Call money 3 1-2 per cent.

CHICAGO GRAIN OPENED

Wheat, May 1.11 1-2, July 1.00 5-8.
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STOCKS.

New York, Jan. 7.—Special shares in which the short interest is believed to be active was firm to strong at the opening of the stock market. Former favorites of the industrial division showed little change. Foreign and domestic oils strengthened. Sumatra Tobacco, Famous Players and International Paper gained a large fraction.

OUR STATE STANDS WELL IN RANKS OF THE NAT'L GUARD

HOME GARDEN CAMPAIGN

Governor Morrison Hopes to See the Day When it Cannot Be Said That There are Many North Carolinians Living Solely on "Side Meat, Molasses and Corn Bread."

(By Max Abernethy.)

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—Major Gordon Smith, assistant adjutant general, makes the following announcement regarding the growth of the North Carolina National Guard:

"The total strength for November 30 last shows North Carolina only 89 men behind the leading State of the area and still standing second numerically among the eight States of the fourth corps area. Our State stands well in strength and we believe leads in every other way but we must do some recruiting and get ahead of our present figures."

"For the information of all concerned the following statement of strength of each organization of the Guard is furnished:

"Headquarters Company, 120th Infantry, 1 officer, and 52 men; Service company, 4 officers and 67 men; Howitzer company, 2 officers and 66 men; Company A, 2 officers, 66 men; Company B, 3 officers, 75 men; Company C, 3 officers 76 men; Company D, 3 officers, 73 men; Company E, 3 officers, 92 men; Company F, 3 officers, 90 men; Company G, 3 officers, 93 men; Company H, 3 officers, 71 men; Company I, 3 officers, 93 men; Company K, 3 officers, 66 men; Company L, 2 officers, 84 men; Company M, 3 officers, 75 men."

"Medical detachment, 1 officer, 30 men; First battalion headquarters, 1 officer, 42 men; Second battalion headquarters, 1 officer, 58 men; Troop A, 3 officers, 70 men; Troop B, 3 officers, 72 men; Troop C, 2 officers, 72 men; Troop D, 3 officers, 80 men; Battery A, 117th Field Artillery, 3 officers, 76 men; Battery B, 4 officers, 81 men, 30th Signal Company, 5 officers, 74 men; Company A, 105th Engineers, 3 officers, 50 men; Company G, 200th Artillery, 2 officers, 81 men; 2nd Company, Coast Artillery, 3 officers, 78 men; Headquarters Detachment, 6 officers, 61 men."

Two new sergeant instructors have been detailed for duty in North Carolina from the Regular army.

The State Corporation Commission announces that the Carthage-Pinehurst branch of the Norfolk Southern Railroad will be discontinued, both passenger and freight, effective January 20 next. Authority for discontinuing the service is given by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Governor Cameron Morrison has called upon the State Department of Agriculture to prosecute vigorously the campaign for more home gardens so that in 1922 there will be fewer North Carolinians living on "side meat, sorry molasses and cornbread."

This is admittedly the governor's hobby and he has summoned the generous help of the daily and weekly press of the State to that of the department of agriculture in spreading the gospel to the uttermost corners of Tarheelia. The agriculturists have already mapped out the groundwork for this campaign and the governor is asking support of the newspapers in this "worthy undertaking for the betterment of the people" and in which there is not a bit of politics.

North Carolina has established an enviable record in the production of money crops and Governor Morrison thinks this is fine, but he wants to see a garden back of every home so that there will be less living out of the can in the future. As a sort of side line with the gardens the governor is pleading for the proper place in the sun for the hogs, pigs, chickens, geese, turkeys and kindred bipeds which from time to time adorn the table of the more or less

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DISCOVER OIL IN HEART OF AUGUSTA.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 7.—Oil which has been oozing from an excavation for the new Y. M. C. A. building in Augusta has been pronounced a natural flow by experts employed by the association and they have recommended the sinking of six surface wells in the business district. The accidental discovery of oil in the heart of the city has caused a great flurry.

BELGIANS INSIST ON THEIR MONEY

There Will be an Attempt to Find a Compromise at the Cannes Meeting.

Cannes, Jan. 7.—The allied supreme council planned to begin consideration of the question of Germany's reparation in an atmosphere somewhat cleared by yesterday's decision to get together with Russia in consideration of the subject.

The Belgian delegation announced it would insist on Belgium's priority to \$2,500,000 gold marks of the German reparation. This is regarded as important obstacle to the British plan. Both the Belgian and French are opposed to a moratorium for Germany but the French are inclined to agree in reduction of cash payments provided the British stick to their proposals to reduce the total payments from two billion marks to five hundred marks on condition materials be delivered to the value of two billion marks.

At this rate it will take five years to pay off priority claimed by the Belgians and France will have to wait that long before receiving any cash at all.

It is believed the British will endeavor to find some compromise in regard to finances.

OLD CHURCH BURNS.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Norris Square Methodist Episcopal church, a landmark in this city was destroyed by fire today. The loss is about \$50,000.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Weather predictions for the week are: South Atlantic States, unsettled weather and rains at the beginning of the week. Otherwise fair weather with temperature near normal.

AMERICA INVITED TO ECONOMIC MEET

No Announcement has Been Made as to Whether American Will Send Representatives

Washington, Jan. 7.—The text of the resolution adopted by the allied Supreme Council at Cannes calling an economic conference of European powers together with America representatives reached the state department today through Ambassador Harvey.

In making known the receipt of the dispatch the state department officials said no announcement of the government's position could be made at this time as the matter of participation in the conference was a major policy to be decided by the cabinet.

MUST GUARD OFFICER OF LAW

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A police guard met United States Prohibition Commissioner Roy D. Haynes at the Pennsylvania station when he arrived from Washington as a result of threats of death.

During his stay in Chicago Mr. Haynes will be kept under constant guard and will aid in the clean up campaign.

HENRY FORD MADE BEST OFFER FOR MUSCLE SHOALS

SAYS SECRETARY WEEKS

The Plans of Mr. Tinker and Mr. Engstrom Related Almost Entirely to the Construction of the Plant and Had Nothing to Say as to the Manufacture of Fertilizer.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Henry Ford's offer for lease and operation of the Muscle Shoals nitrate and water power projects was characterized by Secretary Weeks as the "only comprehensive proposition" before him which included both construction of the plant and the manufacture of fertilizer.

The offers of Frederick Engstrom of Wilmington, N. C., and C. C. Tinkler of San Francisco were held to be "not in competition" with that advanced by Mr. Ford.

The plans of these two it was explained related almost entirely to construction and did not provide for the manufacture of fertilizer by private enterprises.

CONFERENCE ON HARD WOOD CASE

Washington, Jan. 7.—Further conferences between Daugherty and Secretaries Hoover and Wallace and other high government officials and trade associations will probably be deferred it was said today at the department of justice.

Mr. Daugherty, it was said, was preparing to leave the city today but in the mean while the commerce department is drafting an application of the anti-Sherman act toward the trade association in the light of the Supreme Court decisions in the hard wood case.

NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN OFFICIALS HERE.

President G. R. Royall, Vice President E. D. Kyle, and General Manager F. P. Pelter officials of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad Company were in Wilson yesterday and paid the Times office a pleasant visit.

TINKLER SUGGESTS GOVERNMENT AID

Would Have the Muscle Shoals Project Operated on a Semi- Government Basis.

Washington, Jan. 7.—C. C. Tinkler, president of a San Francisco company conferred today with Secretary Weeks on the offer of his concern for the completion and operation of the Muscle Shoals on a semi-governmental basis.

At the conclusion of the conference which lasted almost an hour Messrs Tinkler and Hitchcock were requested to give the department all technical information they possess. Brig. Gen. Taylor was visited next and will be called on later by Secretary Weeks for advice.

MOTHER OF TWO SENATORS

Miami, Fla., Jan. 7.—Mrs. J. R. Bryan, 73, said to be only woman in the country to have two sons to serve in the U. S. Senate died today. Mrs. Bryan was the mother of former Senator Nathan. Bryan of Florida, now judge of the fifth Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans and Senator Wm. James Bryan also of this state who took his seat in Congress when only 37 years of age.

Wm. James Bryan was called to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Wm. S. Mallory and himself died within a short time after taking of